

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for annotating messages for communication messaging within an interconnected network of computers comprising:

establishing a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising a one or more messages for viewing;

inputting handwritten stroke information message objects into a ~~current~~ message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message, [[:]]

~~transmitting said current message to said messaging service distributing said annotated message in said recording to other users, wherein said messaging service keeps a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and handwritten stroke information annotation by, users of said messaging service.~~

Claim 2. (Currently Amended): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said message objects are IM objects; and said ~~current~~ message is an IM record.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising copying a plurality of ~~current~~ messages from other applications.

Claim 4. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said messaging service is of a peer-to-peer type.

Claim 5. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising forwarding said handwritten stroke information to at least one participant.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said messaging service updates a record of all said current messages for

distribution to, and handwritten stroke information annotation by, users of said messaging service, said method further comprising appending said handwritten stroke information onto an existing said record.

Claim 7. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said establishing said connection is initiated by a first of a plurality of said users of said messaging service.

Claim 8. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising:

providing a graphical user interface for said user; and

said graphical user interface including a handwritten stroke input field.

Claim 9. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said graphical user interface comprises an awareness field.

Claim 10. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said graphical user interface comprises a text input field.

Claim 11. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising entering text into said text input field wherein said text is associated with said message objects for transmission to said messaging service.

Claim 12. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8 further comprising entering handwritten stroke information into said handwritten stroke input field wherein said handwritten stroke information is associated with said message objects for transmission to said messaging service.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8, further comprising logging and displaying a complete history of said ~~current~~ messages in a recording field of said graphical user interface.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 13, wherein any one of said ~~current~~ messages contains at least one URL for providing location information of an associated said message objects in said recording.

Claim 15. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 14, wherein each of said plurality of users may navigate through said recording field to said associated said message objects by selecting said at least one URL whereby said associated said message objects are displayed to said user.

Claim 16. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 15, further comprising:

annotating of said messages in said recording field by any of said plurality of users; and

using said hyperlink for alerting said plurality of users of said annotation.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said annotating comprises:

- a) navigating to a desired said message object of said recording;
- b) selecting the desired said message to be annotated; and
- c) adding new handwritten stroke information message objects to said recording.

Claim 18. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising searching said record based on user selected criteria.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended): A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for annotating messages for communication ~~messaging~~ within an interconnected network of computers, the computer readable program code in said computer program product comprising:

first computer readable program code for causing the computer to:

a) establish a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising one or more messages for viewing;

b) input handwritten stroke information message objects into a ~~current~~ message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message, [[:]]

c) ~~transmit said current message to said messaging service~~ distribute said annotated message in said recording to other users, wherein said service keeps a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and handwritten stroke information annotation by, users of said messaging service.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, wherein:

said message objects are IM objects; and,  
said ~~current~~ message is an IM record.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to copy a plurality of ~~current~~ messages from other applications.

Claim 22. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to forward said handwritten stroke information to at least one participant.

Claim 23. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to append said handwritten stroke information onto an existing said record.

Claim 24. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to allow said establishing said connection to be initiated by a first of a plurality of users of said messaging service.

Claim 25. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 24, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to:

- a) provide said user a graphical user interface;
- b) include a handwritten stroke input field in said graphical user interface.

Claim 26. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide an awareness field.

Claim 27. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide a text input field.

Claim 28. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 27, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to make text entered into said text input field a part of said message objects.

Claim 29. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to make handwritten stroke information entered into said handwritten stroke input field a part of said message objects.

Claim 30. (Currently Amended): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide a recording field in said graphical user interface for logging and displaying a complete history of said ~~current~~ messages.

Claim 31. (Currently Amended): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 30, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to place in any one of said ~~current~~ messages at least one URL for providing location information of an associated said message objects in said recording.

Claim 32. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 31, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide each of said plurality of users the capability to navigate through said recording field to said associated said message objects by clicking on said at least one URL whereby said associated said message objects are displayed to said each of said plurality of users.

Claim 33. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 32, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to: provide the capability of annotation of said messages in said recording field by any of said plurality of users; and alert said plurality of users of said annotation by said hyperlink.

Claim 34. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 33, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide the following capabilities in said annotation:

- a) navigation to a desired said message object of said recording;
- b) selection of the desired said message to be annotated; and,
- c) addition of new handwritten stroke information message objects to said recording.

Claim 35. (Original): The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 30, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide searching of said record based on user selected criteria.

36. (Currently Amended): A system for annotating messages for communication ~~messaging~~ within an interconnected network of computers comprising:

a) means for establishing a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising one or more messages for viewing;

b) means for inputting handwritten stroke information message objects into a ~~current~~ message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message; and

c) means for ~~transmitting said current message to said service~~ distributing said annotated message in said recording to other users, ~~wherein said service keeps a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and handwritten stroke annotation by, users of said messaging service.~~

Claim 37. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, wherein:

said message objects are IM objects; and

said ~~current~~ message is an IM record.

Claim 38. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36 further comprising means for copying a plurality of ~~current~~ messages from other applications.

Claim 39. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, wherein said messaging service updates a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and handwritten stroke information annotation by, users of said

messaging service, said system further comprising means for forwarding said handwritten stroke information to at least one participant.

Claim 40. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, further comprising means for appending said handwritten stroke information onto an existing said recording.

Claim 41. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, further comprising means for connecting, when initiated by a first of a plurality of users of said messaging service.

Claim 42. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 41, further comprising:

means for providing a graphical user interface to said user; and

means for including a handwritten stroke input field in said graphical user interface.

Claim 43. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for providing an awareness field.

Claim 44. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for inputting text.

Claim 45. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 44, comprising means for making said text a part of said message objects.

Claim 46. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for making handwritten stroke information a part of said message objects.



Claim 47. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for providing a recording field in said graphical user interface for login and displaying a complete history of said ~~current~~ messages.

Claim 48. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 47, comprising means for providing location information of an associated said message objects of any one of said ~~current~~ messages in said recording.

Claim 49. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 48, comprising means for providing for each of said plurality of users, quick navigation through said recording field to said associated said message objects, whereby said associated said message objects are displayed to said each of said plurality of users.

Claim 50. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 49, comprising:  
means for annotating of said messages in said recording field by any of said plurality of users;  
means for alerting said plurality of users of said annotation.

Claim 51. (Currently Amended): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 50, comprising:  
means for navigating to a user desired said message object of said recording;  
means for selecting the desired said message for annotation by said user; and  
means for adding said new handwritten stroke information message objects to said recording.

Claim 52. (Original): The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 47, comprising means for search of said record based on user selected search criteria.

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Claim 53. (Currently Amended): A method for annotating messages for communication messaging within an interconnected network of computers comprising:

establishing a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising one or more messages for viewing;

inputting information message objects into a current message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message.[:]

~~transmitting said current message to said messaging service distributing said annotated message in said recording to other users, wherein said messaging service keeps a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and annotation by, users of said messaging service.~~

Claim 54. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 53, further comprising:

a. inputting said information message objects wherein said information comprises speech;

b. annotating said information message objects wherein said annotating comprises speech.

Claim 55. (Original): The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 53, further comprising:

a. inputting said information message objects wherein said information comprises gestures;

b. annotating said information message objects wherein said annotating comprises gestures.

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